

## CLAIMS

I/We claim:

1. A method for indicating a measure of a text fill copy fitting,  
5 comprising:

detecting a change in a text fill inputted into a text fill box in a  
computer system;

measuring a length of the text fill;

performing a comparison between the length of the text fill with  
10 at least one predetermined length threshold; and

indicating a compatibility of the text fill with an associated text  
portion of a document based on the comparison, the associated text portion  
incorporating the text fill.

15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of performing the  
comparison further comprises:

providing a first length threshold in a memory of the computer  
system, the first length threshold marking a length of the text fill above which  
a copy fitting of the text fill is performed to fit within the associated text  
20 portion; and

performing the comparison between the length of the text fill and  
the first length threshold.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of performing the  
25 comparison further comprises:

providing a second length threshold in a memory of the  
computer system, the second length threshold marking a length of the text fill  
above which the text fill can not be recognizably copy fitted to fit within the  
associated text portion; and

30 performing the comparison between the length of the text fill and  
the second length threshold.

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4. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of indicating the compatibility of the text fill with the associated text portion of the document further comprises indicating that the length of the text fill is less than the first length threshold by displaying a first background color in the text fill box on a display device of the computer system.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of indicating the compatibility of the text fill with the associated text portion of the document further comprises indicating that the length of the text fill has surpassed the first length threshold by displaying a second background color in the text fill box on a display device of the computer system.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of indicating the compatibility of the text fill with the associated text portion of the document further comprises indicating that the length of the text fill has surpassed the second length threshold by displaying a third background color in the text fill box on a display device of the computer system.

7. A computer program embodied in a computer readable medium for indicating a measure of a text fill copy fitting, comprising:  
at least one statement for detecting a change in a text fill inputted into a text fill box displayed on a display device;  
at least one statement for measuring a length of the text fill;  
at least one statement for performing a comparison between the length of the text fill with at least one predetermined length threshold; and  
at least one statement for indicating a compatibility of the text fill with an associated text portion of a document based on the comparison, the associated text portion incorporating the text fill.

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8. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 7, wherein the at least one statement for performing the comparison further comprises:

at least one statement for providing a first length threshold  
5 marking a length of the text fill above which a copy fitting of the text fill is performed to fit within the associated text portion; and

at least one statement for performing the comparison between the length of the text fill and the first length threshold.

10 9. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 7, wherein the at least one statement for performing the comparison further comprises:

at least one statement for providing a second length threshold  
marking a length of the text fill above which the text fill can not be  
15 recognizably copy fitted to fit within the associated text portion; and

at least one statement for performing the comparison between the length of the text fill and the second length threshold.

10 10. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein the at least one statement for indicating the compatibility of the text fill with the associated text portion of the document further comprises at least one statement for indicating that the length of the text fill is less than the first length threshold by displaying a first background color in the text fill box.

25 11. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein the at least one statement for indicating the compatibility of the text fill with the associated text portion of the document further comprises at least one statement for indicating that the length of the  
30 text fill has surpassed the first length threshold by displaying a second background color in the text fill box.

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12. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the at least one statement for indicating the compatibility of the text fill with the associated text portion of the document further comprises at least one statement for indicating that the length of the text fill has surpassed the second length threshold by displaying a third background color in the text fill box.

13. A method for indicating a measure of a text fill copy fitting, comprising:

detecting a layout event in a digital document in a client device triggered by a user input;

transmitting the digital document to a server via a network to perform a layout operation on the digital document upon an occurrence of the layout event;

identifying a measure of a copy fitting of a text fill in a portion of the digital document by the layout operation in the server; and

generating an indication in the client for view by the user of the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill in the portion of the digital document.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of generating the indication in the client for view by the user of the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill in the portion of the digital document further comprises the step of generating a display of a color code on a display device of the client, the color code being associated with the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of generating the display of the color code on the display device of the client, the color code being associated with the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill further comprises the step of generating a first color code that is associated with the text fill, the first color code indicating that the text fill was not copy fitted during the layout operation in the server.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of generating the display of the color code on the display device of the client, the color code being associated with the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill further comprises the step of generating a second color code that is associated with the text fill, the second color code indicating that the text fill was recognizably copy fitted during the layout operation in the server.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of generating the display of the color code on the display device of the client, the color code being associated with the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill further comprises the step of generating a third color code that is associated with the text fill, the third color code indicating that the text fill was unrecognizably copy fitted during the layout operation in the server.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of generating a second color code that is associated with the text fill, the second color code indicating that the text fill was recognizably copy fitted during the layout operation in the server further comprises the step of generating one of an array of second color codes, each of the second color codes indicating a predefined measure of a recognizable copy fitting of the text fill.

19. A computer program embodied in the computer readable medium for indicating a measure of a text fill copy fitting, comprising:  
logic for detecting a layout event in a digital document in a client device;

logic for transmitting the digital document to a server via a network to perform a layout operation on the digital document upon an occurrence of the layout event;

logic for identifying a measure of a copy fitting of a text fill in a portion of the digital document by the layout operation in the server; and

logic for generating an indication in the client for view by the user of the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill in the portion of the digital document.

5           20. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 19, wherein the logic for generating the indication in the client for view by the user of the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill in the portion of the digital document further comprises logic for generating a display of a color code on a display device of the client, the color code being  
10 associated with the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill.

          21. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the logic for generating the display of the color code on the display device of the client, the color code being associated with  
15 the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill further comprises logic for generating a first color code that is associated with the text fill, the first color code indicating that the text fill was not copy fitted during the layout operation in the server.

20           22. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the logic for generating the display of the color code on the display device of the client, the color code being associated with the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill further comprises logic for  
25 generating a second color code that is associated with the text fill, the second color code indicating that the text fill was recognizably copy fitted during the layout operation in the server.

          23. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the logic for generating the display of the color  
30 code on the display device of the client, the color code being associated with the measure of the copy fitting of the text fill further comprises logic for

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generating a third color code that is associated with the text fill, the third color code indicating that the text fill was unrecognizably copy fitted during the layout operation in the server.

- 5           24. The computer program embodied in the computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the logic for generating a second color code that is associated with the text fill, the second color code indicating that the text fill was recognizably copy fitted during the layout operation in the server further comprises logic for generating one of an array of second color codes, each of
- 10 the second color codes indicating a predefined measure of a recognizable copy fitting of the text fill.

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